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1976DC

"Fall 1907"

FIERCE FRENCH RESISTANCE TO ITALIANS

Following "Spring 1907" moves the following retreats were made:

ENGLAND: F Swe-Ska.

ITALY: F Smy-Aeg.

TURKEY: A Ser-Alb.

All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lariton): F Ska-Nwy; F Eng-Lon;
F Wal S F Eng-Lon; F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Hol-Bel; A Ruh-Mun;
F Lon-Eng; F Bre S F Lon-Eng; F Mid-
Naf; A Mar-Bur; F Lyo S F Wes; F Wes
S F Mid-Naf.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Swe-Nwy; F Den-Kie;
F Bal-Ber.

ITALY (Malay): F Aeg-Smy; F Con S F
Aeg-Smy; A Bul S F Con; F Gre-Alb; A
Ser holds; A Tri S F Gre-Alb; F Tyr-
Wes; F Tun S F Tyr-Wes; F Nap-Tyr; A
Pie-Mar; A Bur-Par; A Pru-Ber.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Arm S ITALIAN F Aeg-
Smy; A Rum-Gal; A War holds; A St.P S
GERMAN A Swe-Nwy.

TURKEY (Bakich): A Smy-Con; A Ank S A
Smy-Con; A Alb-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Turkish A Alb is annihilated, and
Turkey retreats A Smy-Syr. The High
Combatant Powers now control the follow-
ing supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Swe. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Lon, Mun, Por,
Spa. (7)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Nwy. (4)

ITALY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Par,
Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (14)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Rum, Sev, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Italy may build two new units, and Russia
and Germany may each build one. England,
France, and Turkey must each remove one
unit. The deadline for these "Winter

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1977HE

"Spring 19 "

"THE HAND THAT HELD THE DAGGER..."

Doug Beyerlein has assigned to this
game the Boardman Number "1977HE". Play-
ers are asked to use this number when
they send in moves or correspond with one
another.

ENGLAND (Bolton): F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth;
A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (Joria): A Par-Bur; A Mar-Spa;
F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Bakich): F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie;
A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Lariton): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven;
F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): F Tri-Alb;
A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Ser.

RUSSIA (Ripper): F Sev-Bla; F St.P(s.c.)-
Bot; A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal.

TURKEY (Glenny): F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul;
A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.
Roy Bolton writes that his telephone num-
ber is 416-457-3122. George Bakich's new
telephone number is 516-599-2759. The
deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON,
SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977.

1976DC (continued from previous column)

1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST
1977.

ANKARA: Dateline Albania: The Great
Sultan Mohammed Bakich was furious at the
French for not having a fleet available to
transport his army Albania to Rome. The
Sultan had the army remove their armour
and ordered them to follow him. He then
proceeded to walk upon the sea. The army
followed. They have not been heard from
since. May Allah protect them on their
final journey.

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1976W

"Fall 1908"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (Drakert): F Nwy-Nth; A Ycr-Lon; F Edi S F Nwy-Nth.GERMANY (Hodin): F Bal-Den; F Ber-Bal; F Nth-Nwy; A Swe S F Nth-Nwy; A Den-Kie; A Kie-Mun; A Pru S A War; A War S A Pru; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S TURKISH A Rum-Bud.ITALY (Braddon): F Bre holds; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion-Aeg; F Gre S F Ion-Aeg; F Nap-Ion; F Adr S F Nap-Ion.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): A Arm-Sev; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Wienczek): A Liv S A Mos; A Mos & F St.P(s.c.) S A Liv.

TURKEY (Kahn): A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Ser; F Aeg-Gre; F Ccn-Ank; F Sev holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Aeg-Smy, -Con, or -Eas. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" moves, which may be made conditional on them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Tri, Vie. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, Swe, War. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P. (2)

ITALY: Bre, Bud, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por,

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy.

(6)

Eun, Ser, Spa, Tun, Ven. (11)

Italy may build two new units, and Turkey and England may each build one. Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary must each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977.

1976DW

"Fall 1906"

FRENCH LAND BEHIND AUSTRIAN LINES

John Michal's substitute as Russia has finally shown up. He is Ken Silko, 5903 N. Campbell Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60659, and will submit the next moves as well.

ENGLAND (Bakich): A St.P-Liv; F Bot S A St.P-Liv; F Pru S A St.P-Liv; F Bar-St.P (n.c.); F Hol-Nth; F Kie S A Ber; A Ber & A Ruh S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; F Nwy S F Bar-St.P(n.c.).FRANCE (Schwartz): A Spa-Tus; F Wes & F Tyr C A Spa-Tus; F Tun S F Tyr; F Lyo S A Spa-Tus; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Pie.

ITALY (Lipton): F Tus-Rom; F Nap S F Tus-Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): A Pie holds; A Ven S A Pie; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Sil; A Tyr & A Boh S A Mun; A Alb-Apu; F Adr C A Alb-Apu; F Eas S RUSSIAN F Ion.RUSSIA (Silko, vice Michal): F Ion-Tyr; F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg; A Sev-Mos; A Mos-Liv; A Liv-Pru; A War & A Sil S A Liv-Pru.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Pru-Bal. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1906" except that St.P has gone from Russia to England. (See GRAUSTARK #364.) The only "Winter 1907" move is England's build of A Lon. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity. An Austro-Hungarian press release must regrettably be postponed for lack of space to the next issue.

1076EG

"Spring 1905"

"CONFUSION TO THE FRENCH!"

Following "Fall 1904" moves, France built F Mat and Germany removed A Sil.

ENGLAND (Kelly): F Swe-Bal; F Den S F Swe-Bal.

FRANCE (Cunningham): F Mid-Spa ((sic; the coast is not specified)); A Gas S F Mid-Spa; F Eng-Mid; A Yor-Lon; F Lon-Eng; F Lyo holds; F Mar S F Lyo.

GERMANY (Goldberg): F Nth-Den; F Bal-Den; A Fin-Swe; F Nwy-Swe; A Kie & A Bel hold; F Edi-Yor.

ITALY (Bakich): A Ven-Rom; A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Lyc; F Tyr S F Wes-Lyc.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): F Tri holds; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; A Rum S A Gal; A Gal S A Rum.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Smy-Ank; A Arm S A Smy-Ank; A Sev-Rum; A War-Gal; A St.P-Nwy.

TURKEY (Lipton): F Eas-Smy; F Bla-Con((sic; no such unit exists)); F Ank not ordered, is dislodged.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Ank-Bla, and the French must retreat F Lyo-Spa(s.c.) or -Tus, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat must be sent in BY IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, and must arrive by 25 July. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977. For the next several months W. Declan Cunningham's address will be "P. O. Box 841, Radio City Station, New York, N. Y. 10019."

1977B

"Fall 1903"

TRAFFIC JAM ON THE ROAD TO BUDAPEST

The Turkish A Ser is not annihilated following "Spring 1903" moves, but retreats to Greece. All players were informed. Bob Eisen writes that he will be on vacation from 15 July to 5 August, and that his next moves will be sent in by Richard C. Katz, 425 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10025; 212-264-9277 (business phone). Regrettably a German press release must be postponed to the next issue.

ENGLAND (Carter): F Wal-Lon; A Liv holds; F Nth-Hol.

FRANCE (Ripper): A Pic-Wal; F Eng C A Pic-Wal; F Iri S A Pic-Wal; A Bur holds; A Mar-Gas.

GERMANY (R. Gallagher): A Kie-Den; F Hel & F Bal S A Kie-Den; A Sil-Mun; A Ber-Mun; A Bel-Hol.

ITALY (Salcedo): A Ser holds; F Tum holds; A Vie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Gal; F Nap-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Eisen): A Boh-Gal; A Bud S A Boh-Gal; A Tri S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Rupe, vice Addison): F Bla holds; A Ukr-Gal; A War S A Ukr-Gal; F Den-Swe; F Ska S F Den-Swe; A Gal-Bud.

TURKEY (Laves): A Rum S RUSSIAN A Gal-Bud; A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Ion-Adr; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Ser-Alb. The High Com-

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1976IB

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"Fall 1904"

VIVE LE REGENT?

When Paul Gallagher went on vacation, he named his brother Robert as interim player for France. Unfortunately, no moves came in from him.

ENGLAND (Brawner): F Wal-Lon; F Nth-Nwy; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (R. Gallagher, vice P. Gallagher): No moves received. F Nrg, F Hel, A Kie, A Hol, F Eng, F Bre & A Bur hold.

GERMANY (Trtek): A Ruh-Bur; A Boh-Gal; A Tyr-Tri.

ITALY (Thornsen): F Tyr-Ly; F Ion-Tun; A Ven-Pie; F Adr-Ven; A Vie S GERMAN A Boh-Gal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Schwartz): A Bud S GERMAN A Boh-Gal; F Alb S GERMAN A Tyr-Tri; A Tri-Ser; A Ser-Rum.

RUSSIA (Walters): F Den-Nth; F Nwy S F Den-Nth; A Ber & A Sil S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; F Rum-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev-Ukr; A Mos S A Sev.

TURKEY (Robinson): No moves received. A Arm, F Bla, A Bul & F Gre hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Nth-Yor; -Bel, or -Ska. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (9)

RUSSIA: Ber, Den, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (9)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven, Vie. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

If England should retreat F Nth-Bel, then Belgium is an English rather than a French supply center. If this should happen England and France each have one build; otherwise France has two and England none. Also, Russia and Turkey each have one build, and Austria-Hungary has a removal. All remaining German units are removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977. An English press release has been deferred until the next issue.

Eric Verheiden is asked to send in stand-by moves for Turkey. His address is usually "Cal. Tech. 1-86, Pasadena, Calif. 91126", but a temporary change appears in the report of 1976BV on page 6. Ron Kelly, #120, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20061, is asked to send in stand-by moves for France.

1977CH

"Fall 1902"

LOOSE DOTS PICKED UP

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Iri-Liv; A Nwy-Swe; F Ska S A Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Den.

FRANCE (F. Hurdle): A Spa-Cly; F Mid & F Nat C A Spa-Cly; A Bre-Par; A Gas holds.

GERMANY (Hoh): A Mun-Tyr; A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel; F Swe holds; F Bal S F Swe.

ITALY (Brawner): A Tyr-Ven; A Ven-Apu; F Apu-Lon; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Osmanson): A Bud-Gal; F Tri holds; A Vie S F Tri; A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum.

RUSSIA (Salcedo): F Sev-Bla; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

TURKEY (Hoernig): No moves received. A Bul, F Con, F Bla & A Arm hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Nwy, Lon. (5)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)	RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (6)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)
	ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

England, Germany, Russia, and Italy may each build one new unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977. Eric Verheiden, whose address appears in the report of 1976IB on p. 4, is asked to send in stand-by "Spring 1903" moves for Turkey by the deadline of 27 August.

1977CV

"Winter 1901"

GDE TSAR?

ENGLAND (Remmele): Builds F Liv.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Sherwood): Builds A Tri,
GERMANY (Bowman): Builds F Kie, F Ber,	A Vie.
A Mun.	RUSSIA (Fabry): No build received.
ITALY (L. Hurdle): Builds A Ven, F Nap.	TURKEY (Compton): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977. Eric Verheiden, whose address appears on p. 4, is asked to send in stand-by Russian moves.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

. GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy despite lies to the contrary by Rod Walker and Conrad von Metzke, is published every third Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. A new game is now in formation and already has five entrants. The game fee is \$10, and players are asked to send in a list of the countries that they'd like to play, in order of preference. Subscriptions for non-players are 10 issues for \$2, and are sent by 3rd-class mail every four issues; the next such mailing of 3rd-class bundles will be in August. The following back issues are available: 200, 202, 250, 276, 280, 291-299, 301-317, 319, and 321-365. These are 10 issues for \$1 except for the oversize issues 296 and 315, which are 50¢ each.

GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE, which carries postal versions of war games other than Diplomacy, is also 10 issues for \$2. All back issues except #1 are available at the same price as GRAUSTARK back issues. Next Wednesday, EMPIRE #68 will be published. Postal games of Russian Civil War, Frigate, and Dreadnought are currently available in it.

FREEDONIA, which carried postal games of Avalon-Hill's Origins of World War II, still has the following back issues available: 30, 32, 34-50, 52, 54-57. They are also 10 for \$1, or the whole lot for \$1.50.

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In despair, the publisher would like to remind the players that this game is postal Diplomacy, and that reliance on a last minute telephone call is not a good idea. If New York's blackout (which we came through in good condition) had taken place two days later, a lot of people represented by last-minute phone calls in this issue would probably not have got through the heavy tie-up of phone lines. My wife is not taking phone calls from last-minute movers who call in my absence, and I am beginning to wonder whether I ought to.

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It is rumored that the United States Postal "Service" may soon cease Saturday mail deliveries. In that event, GRAUSTARK deadlines will still be on noon, Saturday, of the deadline date. If this cockamamie "13¢ personal letter" rate goes through, then GRAUSTARK will go down to 8 pages so it can fit inside an envelope, and the collators better show up prepared to write my return address by hand some 60 or 70 times. Finally, whatever happens to the rate increase, the GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy game fee will rise to \$12 on 1 October 1977, since most of any games started after they date will be played under the new 16¢ rate.

1976DV

"Fall 1907"

ITALY RETAKES VENICE!

FRANCE (Verheiden): A Yor-Bel; F Nth C A Tor-Bel; F Nrg S F Nth; F Bre-Eng; A Pie S
ITALY: F Apu-Ven; F Lyo-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; A Den holds; A Bur S GERMAN A Kie-Mun.

GERMANY (Gibson): A Mun-Tyr; A Kie-Mun; A Pru-Ber; F Hel S FRENCH A Den.

ITALY (Lipton): F Apu-Ven; A Rom & A Tus S F Apu-Ven; F Nap-Apu.

RUSSIA (G. Gallagher): F Ska-Nth; F Nwy S F Ska-Nth; A Swe S F Nwy; A War-Pru; A Liv
S A War-Pru; A Gal-Rum; A Boh-Mun.

TURKEY (Bergeman): F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F Ion-Apu; A Ven S F Ion-Apu; A Tyr-Pie; A Tri
S A Ven; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Boh-Mun; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg & F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Bul-
Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Ven is annihilated. The vote for a draw fails. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Tun. (10) RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Swe, Vie, War. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Sev,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Spa, Ven. (4)

Smy, Tri. (8)

France and Russia each have one build and Turkey has one removal. Two of these three "Winter 1907" moves have already been sent in, and the third is requested by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL. All players will be informed when it arrives. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977.

Until 6 August, Curtis Gibson will be at "General Delivery, Manitou Springs, Colo. 80829". From 5 to 28 August, Eric Verheiden will be at "3245 SW 185th St., Alachua, Fla. 32005".

UNIVERSITY OF IDYLBURG: Our infallible electronic computer, thanks to Polaris, says Prof. Berliner is jumped 70 yrs. into the future on a 3 wks. training at Barr Camp for climbing Pike's Peak in its annual P. Pk. Marathon in Aug. (his 8th P. Pk. Marathon & 31st climb of Pike's Pk.)

1976DC (continued from p. 1)

ROME: Addressing a banquet audience at the Bakers & Confectioners Guild, Supreme Commander Otranto was heard to mention:

"Yes, Turkish taffy is slippery and hard to chew, but it eventually gets swallowed."

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batant powers now control the same supply centers as they did after "1902" except that Vienna has gone from Austria-Hungary to Italy. Accordingly, Austria-Hungary has a removal and Italy has a build. These "Winter 1903" moves should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL and should arrive by 25 JULY. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977.

1976DX

"Winter 1905"

Following "Fall 1905" moves Italy builds A Ven, and Russia builds F St.P(n.c.) and A Mos. Turkey, curiously, sent in "Spring 1906" moves but no "Winter 1905" builds. (Incidentally, since one Turkish build was deferred in "Winter 1904", Turkey would have had 2 rather than 1 build.) No English removal came in, so the Gamesmaster removes F Eng. Eric Verheiden, whose address appears under 1976IB, is asked to send in "Spring 1906" moves for England. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977.

IMPERIAL DIARY - VII

This feature has previously appeared in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE. It consists of excerpts from the daily press and other sources, showing that the United States of America intends soon to go to war, and that this time the government does not intend to take towards Pacifists the relatively mild line that it took during the war with Vietnam presently in suspension. Long-time GRAUSTARK readers may recall that until about four years ago I took the short-sighted and hazardous Pacifist viewpoint, until I became convinced that in the light of governmental actions Pacifism had become physically dangerous and therefore morally wrong. When the next war begins, someone else can be foolish enough to play tag with the FBI, the CIA, and Operation Cointelpro. I shall give whole-hearted and loyal support.

I want particularly to get this point across to GRAUSTARK readers, since some of them have misunderstood even so firm a statement as the lead editorial "We Are Ruled" which appeared in #358, the first issue printed under the rule of President Carter. For example, in Diman #31 (19 March 1977), Brad Hessel commented on what he sees as a change for the worse in GRAUSTARK over the years. Compared to the Pacifism which I was carelessly marketing up to 1973, he says, "John has adopted a cynically mocking (in effect) nihilistic political stance" rather than my "former vitality". There is nothing cynical about my editorial policy on war. I know that those who support war will live and flourish, while those who oppose war will suffer censorship, beatings, imprisonment, exile, or death. This was the consistent policy of the United States of America during the Vietnam years, both at home and in the overseas parts of the Empire, and our present President firmly supported it.

Those who wish to see earlier installments of "Imperial Diary" are referred to EMPIRES ## 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, and 67.

While reorganizing my library recently I ran across a curious relic from 1967, copied from an even more curious relic of 1937. In the former year, a group of British writers had sent out to their colleagues two questions about the civil war in Spain, asking them to take sides. Some writers declined to do so, on the grounds of either insufficient information or a feeling that men of letters should not get involved in such things. Most of the respondents supported the Republic, but Arthur Machen and Evelyn Waugh firmly defended Franco.

The 1967 questionnaire also originated in England, but went to a wider range of writers, both geographically and professionally. Some were for the US intervention and some against, while there were complaints of neutrality on the same grounds as 30 years earlier. The English novelist Nell Dunn gave the most appealing of these:

"I am horrified by all the fighting and frightened by all wars and therefore instead of confronting the reality - I close my ears and eyes and live wrongly in my private world."

But this is not a luxury available to those who must live down a one-time opposition to America's imperial destiny to conquer and rule the entire world. Of the 418 authors who responded, the following deserve commendation for their support for America's war effort in Vietnam:

Kingsley Amis	Constantine FitzGibbon	Marianne Moore
George Barker	Roy Harrod	Roger Peyrefitte
John Braine	Vyvyan Holland	Simon Raven
William F. Buckley Jr.	Eric Linklater	Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.
James Burnham	Richard Llewellyn	John Updike
Robert Conquest	James A. Michener	Alec Waugh
Rupert Croft-Cooke	Nicholas Monsarrat	Auberon Waugh

(24 June): In today's Times, Barry Blechman and Stephen Kaplan analyze recent American displays of force in various parts of the world, and conclude that it is most likely to take place in the near future in the Mediterranean region. "The tendency in virtually any crisis has been to use the Navy, because its use better protects the President's options." This little hint bore fruit a week later when the President decided to go ahead with the Cruise missile rather than the B-1 bomber. The Cruise is Navy - and so are the last five Presidents of the United States!

However, things may be different in Yugoslavia, with army and air force mobilizations in Germany and Italy being more likely. Much silent speculation seems to be taking place in Washington along the theme of "After Tito, what?"

In an adjacent column, Tom Wicker continues his tirade about 'human rights' in America's faithful subject ally Chile. Some 1400 Chilean opponents of the American Empire seem to have vanished - which is going to be a good lesson for European nations that might otherwise be inclined to elect Allende-type governments.

The right to enter into associations of which the government of the United States disapproves was severely restricted by the US Supreme Court, as reported in the Times and Daily News. "First Amendment associational rights...must give way to the reasonable considerations of penal management" Justice Rehnquist said in an opinion restricting organizations or prisoners. The message must get across that the 'rights' guaranteed in the 1787 Constitution must give way to the higher purposes of government in restraining the populace.

In the Daily News, columnist William Reel and cartoonist Russell Myers both followed their obligation as Americans to make opposition to the government look ridiculous. The particular point was private ownership of handguns. From the earliest days, superior marksmanship has distinguished American arms. This is accomplished by making handguns, shotguns, and rifles so generally available that there is a wide reservoir of intimate knowledge of guns among the American population. Thus, when war comes, less training in their use is required. So important is this fact that a steady loss of people, even Presidents, to these weapons is considered a small price to pay for maintaining this crucial aspect of American military preparedness. William Reel tells of an 80-year-old New York man who carries a pistol despite the fact that he can't get a permit, while Myers' Broom-Hilda strip contains the following dialog:

BROOM-HILDA: If they ban guns, how will we protect ourselves from burglars?

TRQJL: That's simple. Just ban burglars.

(20 June): In the Daily News, Rex Reed comments on the recent premieres of MacArthur and A Bridge Too Far, and mentions that 17 more war films are in preparation. There is going to be a lot more of this, as Hollywood does its part in preparing the American public for the imminent beginning of the next war. Neither the Daily News nor anyone else points out that there was a Pacifist demonstration at MacArthur's New York premiere. Next time 'round, Pacifism will not be beaten down so much as just plain stifled in this fashion. (See "Imperial Diary" for 13 June.)

Also in the Daily News, Stewart Ain observes that the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency has a full-scale plan for New York City, including counter-terrorist strategy, but chiefly concerned with possible nuclear warfare. And Bernard Valery and Jeffrey Antevill do their patriotic duty by spreading distrust of Russia's attempts at détente, and the more moderate positions now being taken by most western European Communist Parties. This serves as a warning to France, which has national elections next March, that they'd better not elect the Communist-Socialist coalition if they don't want to go the way Chile went...or Lebanon, since the President of Syria has pointed out that the United States was responsible for the Lebanese Civil War "in order to get all Arab countries drowned in it".

To make this point clear, a Times report observes that Cairo, which kicked out the Russians a few years ago, is now getting arms aid from America's subject ally China. Somalia and Sudan have also been drawn away from the Russians in this fashion and the end may be near for the pro-Soviet government in Ethiopia now that it is virtually surrounded by America's subject allies.

In another Times story, John P. McGoff is headed for trouble. The head of a chain of midwestern newspapers fired two of his editors "after they failed to obey orders to run provocative articles that were highly critical of President Carter". The very idea that anyone can criticize the President, Commander in Chief, and Supreme War Leader of the United States of America is not only contrary to everything that America stands for, but also dangerous. The Times story was loyally slanted in favor of the two editors.

(27 June): Over the weekend in Buffalo, several police officers pulled an 18-year-old man out of a car and beat him to death. The Daily News reports an attempt

to initiate legal action against the policemen, but since then the story has dropped completely out of the papers. This is probably the safest approach; the police, armed forces, and other agents of government have their own way of doing things and it is not for the rest of us to inquire too deeply into them if we are mindful of our own safety. The suppression in 1970 of the Pacifist demonstration at Kent State University is a model; despite much fulmination, no court or other authority ever found that the President, the Governor, or the National Guard was in the least bit wrong in killing four Pacifists.

(29 June): The Daily News "Inquiring Photographer" asked "Should FBI agents who followed orders and broke the law be prosecuted by the government?" No one who knows the Daily News' staunch, decades-long support of the FBI should be surprised at the quoted answers: Three gave unqualified and one, qualified support to the FBI. Roxanne Stucz put it best: "They merely followed orders and no matter what they did, it was done in the name of the government." These are words for us all to live by - or die against!

The Daily News reports that the New York City Board of Education has voted to eliminate as a school holiday the birthday of the notorious Pacifist Dr. Martin Luther King.

(30 June): The Senate approved a military construction bill requiring expenditures of \$3,100,000,000. This exceeded by \$115,000,000 the amount the administration asked for, and indicates that Congress fully realizes the importance of the armed forces budget in maintaining America's economic health.

Sidney Fields, in the Daily News, interviews the Iranian writer Reza Baraheni, who has come to this country complaining that he and many others have been tortured by the government of America's faithful subject ally, Shah Reza Pahlevi. Since the Iranian government is our ally, then one of two things is true: either Baraheni is lying and there is no torture in Iran, or else he was tortured and should have been. Eventually the government of the United States of America will tell us which of these things is true, and then loyal Americans will accept it. This is After all, we know what happens to anti-government nuts in this country.

Nicholas von Hoffman, chronic crank, complains in Volume 5, #12 of the campus throwaway The Press that President Carter is deliberately creating an energy crisis. "A crisis is defined by our public officials as a time of sacrifice, a time to 'test the character of the American people'" von Hoffman sneers. He accuses the President of welcoming "the harsh deprivations associated with war". Despite himself, von Hoffman may have perceived a truth here. Calls to austerity are traditionally associated with war, and the present energy crisis is no exception.

(1 July): Today President Carter's 'bombshell' was in all the papers. As might be expected from a former submarine commander, he preferred the cheap, versatile Cruise missile over the B-1. Newspaper commentators rushed loyally to the President's defense, explaining why his decision was the best and indeed the only possible one. Attention was turned to the Cruise, which has a range of 2400 kilometers, is extremely accurate, and far harder to shoot down than manned bombers. The present B-52 is an excellent launch platform for the Cruise; the President has said so, and this ends all argument. But the Cruise can also be launched from submarines, surface vessels, or ground installations.

(3 July): Frank van Riper in today's Daily News gives more information about the Cruise, including the Soviet opposition and threats that "the Russians could have lived with the B-1 but are far more worried about the Cruise missile because of its deadly accuracy and ability to fly at treetop level" and have threatened to break off the SALT talks.

And we know what one of the Cruise's possible warheads will be - the neutron bomb, currently under discussion in Congress. As Frank Jackman described it in yesterday's Daily News: "Virtually everyone within a half-mile radius of the impact is killed by radiation. But, other than the building or structure the bomb happens to land on, property is left practically undamaged." Let the Arabs try to shut off

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The Senate has approved the money to build the neutron bomb, though they were as usual late, since the armed forces seem already to have been testing it. This, in itself, shows how little Congress has to do with governing the United States. Prudently, the Senate left in President Carter's hands "the ultimate decision on whether producing neutron bombs...was in the national interest."

And the decision against the B-1 neatly fakes out the Pacifists. Having placed the emphasis of their campaign against the B-1, they must now hastily re-tool their arguments against the Cruise. The Pacifist Tom Wicker falls for this fast shuffle as he praises the Carter Administration for not building the B-1. Also in the Times, Bernard Weinraub gives more details about the Cruise, which now becomes not only the principal weapon in the Imperial arsenal, but also carries the fruit of a heavy federal subsidy to the American economy. Weinraub quotes "a congressional staffer" (delightful euphemism!) as saying: "Even if the Russians are 10 years behind us, they'll still be able to neutralize the B-1 a few years after it enters the force. The cruise missile offers tremendous advantages. It's cheap. It's accurate. It's powerful. It's the weapon of the '80's."

And what has become of the Pacifists who were so much in evidence a decade ago? Thomas Bridges tells the story on the 10th anniversary of San Francisco's notorious "Summer of Love". "Former flower children are a social oddity," he writes. "The threatening phenomenon known as the hippie is little more than a ghost of the 1960's - seldom thought about by the '60's generation, and hardly known by '70's people." No, there will be no Pacifists dancing through the streets the next time the United States of America in its imperial might sends troops into some uppity "third world" country.

(4 July): WBAI-FM plaintively reported that there was a demonstration on the campus of Kent State today, protesting the erection of a building on the site where four Pacifist demonstrators were shot over 7 years ago. Demonstrators claim that the site should be left clear for a memorial, and that if they can ever get the case back into court they'll need the site clear to prove their contention about the incident.

Well, why not put up the monument? It could contain the date, and the names of the four Pacifists who died. Beneath it would be the words: "They opposed the march of the American Empire. They died." There could also be the quotation from Governor James Earl Carter of Georgia, approving their deaths.

This evening I happened to meet, at a party, the nephew of nuclear war theocrat Herman Kahn. He quoted his uncle as saying, "The society of the future will be a permissive society. You'll have to ask permission to do anything!"

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